

### Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1           1.     (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A digital apparatus for reproducing a digital  
2 video representative signal stored on a recorded medium connected to a receiving  
3 device including a decoder, said apparatus comprising:  
4           means for processing said digital video representative signal stored on the  
5 recorded medium to produce at an output a compressed digital video signal bit  
6 stream for decoding by the decoder;  
7           a generator generating a status message signal indicative of an operating  
8 mode of said apparatus; and,  
9           a display message combiner having a first input coupled to said status  
10 message signal and a second input receiving a video signal decoded from said  
11 compressed digital video signal bit stream, said combiner combining said status  
12 message signal with said decoded video signal for display.

1           2. (ORIGINAL) The digital apparatus of claim 1, wherein said status message  
2 generator is responsive to a tape timer or time code signal.

1           3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The digital apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
2 generation of said status message ~~data~~ signal by said status message generator is in  
3 response to receipt of a user generated command signal.

1           4. (ORIGINAL) The digital apparatus of claim 3, further comprising an infrared  
2 receiver connected to said status message generator for receiving an infrared signal  
3 from a remote control unit, said infrared signal controlling the operating mode of said  
4 apparatus.

1           5. (ORIGINAL) A receiving device receiving and decoding compressed digital  
2 video signals, said receiver device comprising:

3 a receiving means for receiving and selecting between a first compressed  
4 digital video signal from a network source and a second compressed digital video  
5 signal and a display message data signal from a local source;

6 a decoder coupled to said receiving means for decoding said selected one of  
7 said first and second compressed digital signals to form a video signal;

8 control means coupled to said receiving means for controlling selection  
9 between said first and second compressed digital video signals, and responsive to  
10 selection of said second compressed digital video signal, receiving said display  
11 message data signal; and

12 means for combining a display message formed from said display message  
13 data signal with said video signal decoded from said second compressed digital  
14 video signal to generate a combined video signal for display.

1 6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The receiving device ~~digital television receiver~~  
2 of claim 5, wherein said second compressed digital television signal is reproduced  
3 from a digital recorder.

1 7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The receiving device ~~digital television receiver~~  
2 of claim 5 8, wherein said display message data signal is a recorder status message.

1 8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The receiving device ~~digital television receiver~~  
2 of claim 5, further comprising delay means connected to said control means for  
3 delaying transmission of said message data signal to said means for combining.

1 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The receiving device ~~digital television receiver~~  
2 of claim 5, wherein said receiver selects between said first compressed digital video  
3 signal and second compressed digital video signal responsive a user generated  
4 command signal.

1 10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The receiving device ~~digital television receiver~~  
2 of claimed in claim 9, further comprising an infrared receiver connected to said  
3 control means for receiving an infrared signal from a remote control unit, said infrared

4 signal controlling selection between said first compressed digital video signal and  
5 second compressed digital video signal.

1 11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital apparatus of claim 1, further  
2 comprising a delay element, connected to said status message generator, for  
3 delaying transmission of said status message signal to said display message  
4 combiner.

1 12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital apparatus of claim 11, wherein  
2 said delay element provides a delay equal to a decoding time of the decoder to  
3 thereby synchronize said message signal with said decoded video signal for display.

1 13. (NEW) The digital apparatus of claim 1, wherein said compressed digital  
2 video signal bit stream includes a plurality of frames, and said display message  
3 combiner combines said status message signal with a first one of video frames  
4 decoded from said plurality of frames of said compressed digital video signal bit  
5 stream.

1 14. (NEW) The digital apparatus of claim 13, wherein when said status  
2 message signal is generated, a second one of the decoded frames, other than the  
3 first one of the decoded frames, is available for combining.

1 15. (NEW) The digital apparatus of claim 13, wherein said status message  
2 generator delays generation of the status message signal to compensate a decoding  
3 time of the first one of the decoded frames.

1 16. (NEW) The digital apparatus of claim 15, wherein when said status  
2 message generator is signaled to generate said status message signal, a second  
3 one of the decoded frames, other than the first one of the decoded frames, is  
4 available for combining.

1 17. (NEW) The digital apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a delay  
2 element, connected to said status message generator, for delaying generation of  
3 said status message signal.

1 18. (NEW) The digital apparatus of claim 17, wherein said delay element  
2 provides a delay to compensate a decoding time of the decoder to thereby  
3 synchronize said message signal with said decoded video signal for display.